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Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge Joint Health Area

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14th August, 1951.

**To the Sevenoaks, Southborough and Tonbridge
Joint Health Committee.**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for 1950.

The Report is given in its usual form. In the first part of the Report, sections dealing with STAFF, STATISTICS, HEALTH SERVICES, and INFECTIOUS DISEASE are combined to show particulars both for the Joint Health Area and for each District. In the second part of the Report, separate sections are given for each of the five Districts dealing with the SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT, HOUSING, and INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD. Separate reports by the Sanitary Inspectors are not given, but the record of their work is incorporated in the Report.

Vital Statistics.

The estimated population for the Joint Health Area and for each District shows an increase on that for the previous year. (The Preliminary Report of the Census 1951, which is subject to correction, shows the estimates for each District to have been substantially correct, except in the case of Sevenoaks Urban District, where the estimated figure appears to have been too high. The statistics in this Report are calculated on the estimated population figures for 1950.)

The BIRTH-RATE for the Joint Health Area is lower than in 1949, as is the Birth-rate for England and Wales. Only in the case of Sevenoaks Urban District is the rate higher than in the previous year, but in spite of this the Birth-rate in Sevenoaks Urban District remains the lowest in the Area.

The DEATH-RATE for the Joint Area is the same as for England and Wales and is lower than in 1949.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE for the Area is 26·3, comparing with 29·8 for England and Wales and 30·5 for the previous year.

No MATERNAL DEATHS occurred in the Area during the year.

Infectious Disease.

The incidence of Measles, Whooping Cough and Scarlet Fever was generally low and only one case of Diphtheria occurred. No deaths occurred from Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever or Diphtheria, but one death occurred from Measles.

Poliomyelitis.

During the year 21 cases of Poliomyelitis were notified, one of which proved fatal. In eight of the cases no paralysis developed.

The age distribution of the cases in the Area was as follows:—

| 1-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> | = 21 |

The 21 cases occurred in the following months of the year:—

| Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | July | Aug. | Sept. | Nov. | Dec. |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

Food Hygiene.

Byelaws: Each District Council in the Area adopted the Model Byelaws issued by the Minister of Food and made under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for “securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food, and Sale of Food in the Open Air.”

During the year, many visits were paid by Sanitary Inspectors to Food Premises. Much educational work was undertaken and many structural improvements carried out. The improvements are noted in the 'Inspection and Supervision of Food' Sections in the individual Districts.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949: Section 20. (Under this section a Medical Officer of Health may prohibit Milk from being used for human consumption or require it to be treated before being used, if this appears to him to be necessary to prevent the spread of disease.)

No action was necessary under this section during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

This Act came into operation on the 31st March, 1950, on which date the Rats and Mice (Destruction) Act, 1919, was repealed. The new Act emphasises the primary obligation as being upon the local authority (Borough and District Councils) to ensure that, so far as practicable, its area is kept free from rats and mice.

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May I again thank the Members and Officials of the District Councils and my staff for their valuable co-operation during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. CRAWFORD,
Medical Officer of Health.

SEVENOAKS, SOUTHBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1950-51

Chairman:

Maj.-Gen. F. A. M. B. JENKINS, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.,
Tonbridge U.D. Council.

Members:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|
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| Mrs. E. S. VINER | ... | ... | ... | Sevenoaks U.D. Council |
| Mr. A. R. McAULAY | ... | ... | ... | Sevenoaks U.D. Council |
| Mrs. E. HYATT-WOOLF, J.P. | ... | ... | ... | Tonbridge R.D. Council |
| Mrs. K. V. DAVISON | ... | ... | ... | Tonbridge R.D. Council |
| Mr. H. E. HALL, J.P. | ... | ... | ... | Tonbridge R.D. Council |
| Mrs. N. C. SALMON, J.P. | ... | ... | ... | Tonbridge U.D. Council |
| Mr. B. P. BEZANT, J.P. | ... | ... | ... | Tonbridge U.D. Council |
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| Mr. J. HURST | ... | ... | ... | Southborough U.D. Council |
| Mr. P. G. W. STONE | ... | ... | ... | Southborough U.D. Council |

Clerk: Mr. B. LEE, Tonbridge R.D. Council.

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| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| Mr. H. Micklem, J.P., Chairman | ... | ... | Sevenoaks R.D. Council |
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| Mr. B. Lee, Clerk | ... | ... | ... |
| Mr. W. N. Miller, M.B.E., Engineer and Surveyor | ... | ... | Tonbridge R.D. Council |
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| Mr. S. J. Thorne, Clerk | ... | ... | Tonbridge U.D. Council |
| Mr. B. Bishop, Engineer and Surveyor | ... | ... | Tonbridge U.D. Council |
| Major E. Ruffell, M.C., J.P., Chairman | ... | ... | Southborough U.D. Council |
| Mr. J. R. Nicholson, Clerk | ... | ... | Southborough U.D. Council |
| Mr. T. A. Scott, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector | ... | ... | Southborough U.D. Council |

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

J. W. CRAWFORD, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

P. M. KIRKWOOD, M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M. & H.

CLERICAL STAFF:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. S. C. Downs. Shorthand-Typist: Miss J. G. Jones.

SANITARY INSPECTORS:

Sevenoaks Rural District.

P. J. Cherry, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.

E. J. A. Bettle, M.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods
(also Salvage Officer).

A. D. Lofts, M.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

F. P. Cage, temporary General Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

R. H. Terry, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods. Temporary
Additional Sanitary Inspector for Rural Housing Survey.

Sevenoaks Urban District.

W. J. Gypps, C.R.S.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

S. C. Clark, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other
Foods, Assistant Sanitary Inspector.

Tonbridge Rural District.

W. J. Davies, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

E. J. Griffiths, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., and Cert. Meat and
Other Foods.
Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Tonbridge Urban District.

J. H. Elphick, A.R.San.I., M.R.I.P.H., Cert. Meat and Other Foods.
Senior Sanitary Inspector.

K. T. Aston, A.R.San.I. Additional Sanitary Inspector.

Southborough Urban District.

T. A. Scott, C.R.S.I. Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

P. M. Walsh, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.Jnt.Bd., Cert. Meat and Other Foods, Cert. R.I.P.H. & H. (Resigned 19th July, 1951.)
Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

R. G. Wheeler, A.R.San.I., Cert. Meat and Other Foods. Technical Assistant to Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. (Appointed 3rd September, 1951.)

GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | Seven-oaks R.D. | Seven-oaks U.D. | Ton-bridge R.D. | Ton-bridge U.D. | South-borough U.D. | Joint Health Area |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Area (in acres) | 62,959 | 3,720 | 41,687 | 4,599 | 1,759 | 114,724 |
| Home Population (R.G's estimate mid-1950) | 32,650 | 16,070 | 21,900 | 19,410 | 8,829 | 98,859 |
| Estimated Home population, mid 1949 | 32,590 | 15,680 | 21,760 | 19,250 | 8,805 | 98,085 |
| No. of inhabited houses (end of 1950) accord- ing to Rate Book | 9,660 | 4,575 | 6,672 | 5,552 | 2,700 | 29,159 |
| Rateable Value | £216,602 | £185,376 | £152,028 | £166,028 | £66,634 | £786,668 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate | £835 | £733 | £600 | £650 | £268 | £3,086 |

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1950.

| | | Seven-oaks R.D. | Seven-oaks U.D. | Ton-bridge R.D. | Ton-bridge U.D. | South-borough U.D. | Joint Health Area |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| LIVE BIRTHS | Legitimate : Male . | 257 | 99 | 159 | 136 | 52 | 703 |
| | Female | 243 | 97 | 147 | 118 | 57 | 662 |
| | <i>Total</i> . | 500 | 196 | 306 | 254 | 109 | 1,365 |
| | Illegitimate: Male . | 19 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 45 |
| | Female | 12 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 34 |
| | <i>Total</i> . | 31 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 8 | 79 |
| TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS | | 531 | 206 | 326 | 264 | 117 | 1,444 |
| BIRTH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1950 | | 16.3 | 12.8 | 15.0 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 14.6 |
| STILL BIRTHS | Legitimate : Male . | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 17 |
| | Female | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | — | 10 |
| | <i>Total</i> . | 7 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 27 |
| | Illegitimate: Male . | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Female | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | <i>Total</i> . | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL STILL BIRTHS | | 7 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 27 |
| STILL-BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births . | | 13.0 | 28.3 | 21.0 | 18.4 | 17.0 | 18.4 |
| DEATHS | Male | 192 | 78 | 119 | 126 | 54 | 569 |
| | Female | 176 | 100 | 115 | 117 | 65 | 573 |
| | <i>Total</i> | 368 | 178 | 234 | 243 | 119 | 1,142 |
| DEATH RATE per 1,000 estimated home population, 1950 | | 11.3 | 11.1 | 10.7 | 12.5 | 13.5 | 11.6 |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY . | | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| RATE per 1,000 total (live and still) births | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| INFANTILE MORTALITY | Male | 9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 24 |
| | Female | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| | <i>Total</i> | 12 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 38 |
| DEATH RATE under one year of age : | | | | | | | |
| All infants per 1,000 live births | | 22.6 | 29.1 | 24.5 | 34.1 | 25.6 | 26.3 |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births | | 24.0 | 30.6 | 22.9 | 35.4 | 27.5 | 27.1 |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births | | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.0 |

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY FOR 1950.

| | Rate per 1000 of Population | | Annual Death-Rate per 1,000 Population | | | | | | | | | Rate per 1000 Live Births | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Live Births | Still Births | All Causes | Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers | Whooping Cough | Diphtheria | Tuberculosis | Influenza | Smallpox | Ac. Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis | Pneumonia | All Causes under 1 year | Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years |
| ENGLAND & WALES ... | 15.8 | 0.37 | 11.6 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 0.10 | .. | 0.02 | 0.46 | 29.8 | 1.9 |
| 126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London | 17.6 | 0.45 | 12.3 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.42 | 0.09 | .. | 0.02 | 0.49 | 33.8 | 2.2 |
| 148 Smaller Towns (Resident Population 25,000-50,000 at 1931 Census)... | 16.7 | 0.38 | 11.6 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.33 | 0.10 | .. | 0.02 | 0.45 | 29.4 | 1.6 |
| LONDON Admin. County | 17.8 | 0.36 | 11.8 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.39 | 0.07 | .. | 0.00 | 0.48 | 26.3 | 1.0 |
| JOINT HEALTH AREA | 14.6 | 0.27 | 11.6 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.35 | 0.08 | .. | 0.00 | 0.46 | 26.3 | 2.8 |
| Sevenoaks R.D. ... | 16.3 | 0.21 | 11.3 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.42 | 0.06 | .. | 0.00 | 0.40 | 22.6 | 1.9 |
| Sevenoaks U.D. ... | 12.8 | 0.37 | 11.1 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 0.06 | .. | 0.00 | 0.37 | 29.1 | 0.0 |
| Tonbridge R.D. ... | 15.0 | 0.32 | 10.7 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.41 | 0.00 | .. | 0.00 | 0.41 | 24.5 | 6.1 |
| Tonbridge U.D. ... | 13.6 | 0.26 | 12.5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.36 | 0.10 | .. | 0.05 | 0.56 | 34.1 | 3.8 |
| Southborough U.D. ... | 13.3 | 0.23 | 13.5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.34 | .. | 0.00 | 0.80 | 25.6 | 0.0 |

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES).
(Supplied by the Registrar-General.)

| Causes of Death | Sevenoaks R.D. | | Sevenoaks U.D. | | Tonbridge R.D. | | Tonbridge U.D. | | Southborough U.D. | | TOTAL | |
|--|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------|-----|
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Tuberculosis, respiratory ... | 11 | 3 | 2 | ... | 4 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | ... | 24 | 8 |
| Tuberculosis, other ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 |
| Syphilitic Disease, ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Diphtheria ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Whooping Cough ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Meningococcal infections ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Acute Poliomyelitis ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Measles ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Cancer (all forms) ... | 35 | 23 | 12 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 25 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 93 | 87 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | 4 | 8 |
| Diabetes ... | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 4 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 21 | 32 | 7 | 17 | 18 | 24 | 19 | 18 | 15 | 14 | 80 | 105 |
| Coronary disease, angina ... | 25 | 18 | 10 | 14 | 26 | 12 | 12 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 77 | 61 |
| Hypertension with heart disease ... | 3 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 25 | 31 |
| Other heart diseases ... | 30 | 34 | 8 | 24 | 18 | 25 | 9 | 20 | 8 | 19 | 73 | 122 |
| Other circulatory diseases ... | 10 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 32 | 24 |
| Influenza ... | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Pneumonia ... | 5 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 27 |
| Bronchitis ... | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | ... | 1 | 18 | 13 |
| Other Respiratory Diseases ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 5 | 2 |
| Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | ... | 7 | 3 |
| Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 1 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis ... | 2 | 3 | 1 | ... | 2 | 3 | 1 | ... | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate ... | 6 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 8 | ... | 1 | ... | 17 | ... |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Congenital Malformations ... | ... | 2 | 2 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 3 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... | 17 | 19 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 43 | 46 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents ... | 4 | 2 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 2 | 1 | 9 | 4 |
| All Other Accidents ... | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | ... | 6 | 7 |
| Suicide ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | 8 | 3 |
| Homicide and Operations of War | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | 192 | 176 | 78 | 100 | 119 | 115 | 126 | 117 | 54 | 65 | 569 | 573 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Department.

The staff of the Public Health Department is given on page 9.

Laboratory Service.

The County Laboratory at Maidstone continues to provide full laboratory facilities, and as in the past the staff were helpful and co-operative.

Treatment of Scabies and Verminous Persons.

During the year, 4 persons were treated for scabies and 14 for verminous conditions, at the Treatment Centre, Baltic Road, Tonbridge.

Hospitals.

The Hospitals in the Area are in the Districts of the following Management Committees:—

Tunbridge Wells Management Committee:

Secretary—Mr. E. A. Wagstaff, F.H.A.

Orpington and Sevenoaks Management Committee:

Secretary—Mr. L. G. Bain.

In Infectious Diseases Hospitals the need for cubicle accommodation was again apparent, and on occasions patients had to be sent to Isolation Hospitals outside of the Area and at a considerable distance from their homes. In these cases the Emergency Bed Service Office at Tunbridge Wells proved most valuable, as, if a bed is not available locally, many telephone calls may be necessary to secure the admission of a patient to hospital. (This office unfortunately closed down on August 1st, 1951.)

There continues to be delay in securing admission to Sanatoria or Hospitals of patients suffering from tuberculosis or chronic sickness.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Three certificates were given by the Medical Officer of Health under this section during the year.

One was in respect of a woman of 83 years, living alone in a house in Southborough. Fortunately, before the application to the Court, she agreed to go into hospital and an immediate vacancy was found for her. After admission she settled down very happily and gave up the tenancy of her house.

The second was in respect of a man aged 77 years, living with his wife in a hut in the Sevenoaks Rural District. Before the application was made he agreed to go into hospital and a vacancy was arranged for him, but he died on the morning of the day when he was to have been admitted to hospital.

The remaining certificate was in respect of a woman of about 75 living alone in a house in the Tonbridge Rural District. While the application to the Court was pending she became gravely ill and was admitted to hospital, where she died.

A number of other cases were considered for action under Section 47 but alternative measures were found. The District Officers and Home Help Organisers of the K.C.C. proved helpful in providing Home Helps and in other ways.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936).

| DISTRICT | Homes first registered during year 1950 | Homes on Register at end of 1950 | Number of Visits | Number of beds provided : | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------|-------|
| | | | | Maternity | Others | Total |
| Sevenoaks R.D. . | — | — | 3* | — | — | — |
| Sevenoaks U.D. . | — | 2 | 5 | — | 16 | 16 |
| Tonbridge R.D. . | 1 | 3 | 4 | — | 61 | 61 |
| Tonbridge U.D. . | — | 1 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Southborough U.D. | — | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| TOTAL . | 1 | 7 | 15 | 17 | 81 | 98 |

* Manor House Nursing Home, Riverhead, closed during the year.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The number of cases of Infectious Disease notified in the Districts of the Area during the year 1950 are shown in the following tables:—

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

| DISEASE | AGE-PERIODS | | | | | | | | | | | | Total cases notified | Cases Removed to Hospital | Deaths |
|--|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | - | 3 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 29 | 12 | - |
| Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 20 | 18 | 82 | 4 | 3 |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis, Paralytic | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 8 | 7 | - |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 7 | 4 | - |
| Measles | 1 | 7 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 72 | 13 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 139 | - | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | 11 | 18 | 21 | 11 | 16 | 59 | 5 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 145 | 1 | - |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 10 | - | - |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - |

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT

| DISEASE | AGE-PERIODS | | | | | | | | | | | | Total cases notified | Cases Removed to Hospital | Deaths |
|--------------------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over | | | |
| Scarlet Fever . | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | 7 | 5 | — |
| Ac. Encephalitis . | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| Measles . | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 35 | 1 | — | 2 | — | — | — | 59 | — | — |
| Whooping Cough . | — | — | 2 | 3 | 1 | 13 | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 20 | — | — |
| Erysipelas . | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Food Poisoning . | — | — | — | — | — | — | 19 | 11 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 33 | — | — |

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

| DISEASE | AGE-PERIODS | | | | | | | | | | | | Total cases notified | Cases Removed to Hospital | Deaths |
|--|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 22 | 14 | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 8 | - | - |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 5 | 6 | - | - |
| Measles | - | 4 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 3 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 45 | 4 | - |
| Whooping Cough | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 20 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7 | - | - | - | 9 | 9 | - |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - |

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

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SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

| DISEASE | AGE-PERIODS | | | | | | | | | | | | Total cases notified | Cases admitted to Hospital | Deaths |
|--|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | 0-1 | 1-2 | 2-3 | 3-4 | 4-5 | 5-10 | 10-15 | 15-20 | 20-35 | 35-45 | 45-65 | 65 and over | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 1 | - |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis, Paralytic | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Ac. Poliomyelitis, Non-Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ac. Primary and Influenzal Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - |
| Measles | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | 6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | - | - |
| Dysentery | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 5 | - | - |

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the total number of new cases notified and the number of deaths registered during the year 1950 in the respective Districts:—

| AGE-PERIODS | | NEW CASES | | | | | | | | | | DEATHS | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | PULMONARY | | | | | Non-PULMONARY | | | | | PULMONARY | | | | | Non-PULMONARY | | | | |
| | | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Southborough U.D. | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Southborough U.D. | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Southborough U.D. | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Southborough U.D. |
| 0-1 | . | M | F | M | F | M | M | F | M | F | M | M | F | M | F | M | M | F | M | F | M |
| 1 | . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 | . | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | . | - | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | . | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | . | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 | . | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 | . | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 and up | . | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | 8 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 11 | 3 | 2 | - | - |
| | | 19 | 6 | 21 | 22 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 7 | - | 14 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - |

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer in respect of Diphtheria Immunisation, are given for the five Districts of the Area:—

| | Number of children immunised at 31st December, 1950. | | Number of children immunised during 1950: | | | | Number of children re-immunised during 1950: | | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|---|-----------|------------|----------|--|----------|------------|-----------|
| | 0-5 yrs. | 5-14 yrs. | 0-5 yrs. | | 5-14 yrs. | | 0-5 yrs. | | 5-14 yrs. | |
| | | | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) | (a) | (b) |
| Sevenoaks Rural District | 1674 | 4827 | 391 | 11 | 96 | 2 | 9 | — | 346 | 17 |
| Sevenoaks Urban District | 666 | 1900 | 184 | 7 | 18 | 1 | 4 | — | 77 | 2 |
| Tonbridge Rural District | 1021 | 2697 | 280 | 15 | 15 | 2 | 2 | — | 90 | 3 |
| Tonbridge Urban District | 820 | 2295 | 226 | — | 34 | — | 5 | — | 135 | — |
| Southborough Urban District | 410 | 944 | 58 | 1 | 6 | — | 2 | — | 21 | — |
| Totals | 4591 | 12663 | 1139 | 34 | 169 | 5 | 22 | — | 669 | 22 |

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The following figures, kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer, are in respect of the five Districts of the Area:—

| | Number Vaccinated | | | | | Number Re-Vaccinated | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|----------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | Under 1 year | 1-4 yrs. | 5-14 yrs. | 15 or over | Total | Under 1 year | 1-4 yrs. | 5-14 yrs. | 15 or over | Total |
| Age at 31st December, 1950 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sevenoaks Rural District | 168 | 163 | 28 | 14 | 373 | — | 5 | 31 | 137 | 173 |
| Sevenoaks Urban District | 92 | 57 | 12 | 14 | 175 | — | 6 | 10 | 84 | 100 |
| Tonbridge Rural District | 99 | 69 | 10 | 13 | 191 | — | 5 | 15 | 50 | 70 |
| Tonbridge Urban District | 88 | 55 | 12 | 15 | 170 | — | 6 | 14 | 53 | 73 |
| Southborough Urban District | 24 | 22 | 1 | 7 | 54 | — | 1 | 4 | 17 | 22 |
| Totals | 471 | 366 | 63 | 63 | 963 | — | 23 | 74 | 341 | 438 |

SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were generally sufficient. During the summer certain well supplies became inadequate. Main supplies were of satisfactory quality. Certain samples of raw water from wells were unsatisfactory.

Approximately 95% of the houses in the District are supplied direct with mains water. A small number are supplied by standpipes. (Accurate information for Parishes not available until Rural Housing Survey completed.)

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

| | | | | Satisfactory. | Unsatisfactory. |
|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| Treated water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | 113 | Nil |
| | Chemical | ... | ... | Nil | Nil |
| Raw water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | Nil | 5 |
| | Chemical | ... | ... | 60 | 7 |

No cases of contamination with lead were reported.

One spring supply at Penshurst was piped and tanked, and the closing of a well at Leigh and the laying on of Company's water is in hand. Mains extensions carried out during the year were as follows:—

| | | | | | Yards length. | Size. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------|
| Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company: | | | | | | |
| Kingswood Road, Dunton Green | ... | ... | ... | ... | 127 | 3-inch |
| Metropolitan Water Board: | | | | | | |
| Woodside Road, Sundridge | ... | ... | ... | ... | 172 | 4-inch |
| Thorns Meadow, Brasted | ... | ... | ... | ... | 108 | 4-inch |
| Mid-Kent Water Company: | | | | | | |
| Park Lane, Kemsing | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85 | 3-inch |
| East Surrey Water Company: | | | | | | |
| Priors Way, Cowden | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46 | 3-inch |
| Skeynes Road, Springfield Road, and Manor Road, Edenbridge | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1280 | 4-inch |
| Sevenoaks Rural District Council: | | | | | | |
| Glebelands Road, Penshurst | ... | ... | ... | ... | 106 | 4-inch |
| | | | | | 316 | 1½-inch |

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Sewage disposal works and connecting sewers completed in 1950:—

Forge View, Underriver, Seal: Small disposal works, together with 29 yds. of 6in. sewer for six houses.

Parson Croft, Hever: Small disposal works, together with 14 yds. of 6in. sewer for six houses.

Chiddingstone Hoath: Small plant consisting of one settling tank, filter bed and humus tank designed to deal with existing and new properties in this hamlet. 17 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect existing sewers to works.

Sewer extensions completed in 1950:—

Weald: 67 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect seven cottages (Prudence and Patience Cottages).

Marsh Green, Edenbridge: 84 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect five cottages (Pond Cottages).

Skeynes Road, Springfield Road and Manor Road, Edenbridge: 318 yds. of 6in. sewer and 163 yds. of 9in. sewer (portion of drainage to connect 104 houses, of which 50 are under construction).

Priors Way, Cowden: 62 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect eight houses.

Glebelands, Penshurst: 138 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect 20 houses.

Rushymead, Kemsing: 97 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect 20 houses.

Southdene, Halstead: 195 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect 26 houses.

Sydney Gardens, Otford: 46 yds. of 6in. sewer to connect three bungalows.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|------------|
| Number of complaints received and investigated | ... | ... | 619 |
| Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year | ... | ... | 4852 |
| Informal Notices: Served | ... | ... | 244 |
| Complied with | ... | ... | 236 |
| Statutory Notices: Served | ... | ... | 8 |
| Complied with: | | | |
| (a) By owners | ... | ... | 4 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default | ... | ... | — |
| Legal proceedings taken | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |

Summary of inspections and visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year—

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Housing (excluding Rural Housing Survey) | ... | ... | 729 |
| Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing) | ... | ... | 471 |
| Swimming pools | ... | ... | 11 |
| Hop-pickers' camps | ... | ... | 174 |
| Knackers' yards | ... | ... | 7 |
| Offensive trades | ... | ... | 198 |
| Factory trades | ... | ... | 198 |
| Shop Acts | ... | ... | 142 |
| Petroleum Act | ... | ... | 133 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | 43 |
| Ice-cream premises | ... | ... | 154 |
| Meat inspections at slaughterhouses | ... | ... | 51 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | 103 |
| Food shops | ... | ... | 560 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | ... | ... | 53 |
| Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc. | ... | ... | 133 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Food factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Other food preparing places | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77 |
| Infectious Disease visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 189 |
| Rats and Mice Destruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1035 |

4. Hop-pickers' Camps.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of camps in District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Number of huts in District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 187 |
| Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 580 |
| Number of new huts erected during 1950 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Number of inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 174 |

Camps were visited early in the year, and the carrying out of necessary improvements discussed with the farmers. Eight new huts were erected and various defects remedied in 1950. Further improvements are required in some cases. Damage and misuse of the refuse bins provided made difficult the maintenance of a high standard of cleanliness and scavenging in certain camps. Dr. Cauchi, of the Ministry of Health, visited the District on 6th September and inspected some of the camps.

5. Disinfestation.

The following infestations were dealt with: bugs 5, fleas 6, flies 9, cockroaches 17, miscellaneous 5.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of visits (including investigation of complaints and treatments) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 931 |
| Infestations found: Rats—Major | 16 | Mice—Major | 7 | | | | | | |
| Minor | 133 | Minor | 20 | | | | | | |
| Infestations treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 176 |
| Estimated kill (rats) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1397 |

Sewer treatments were carried out in February and August, 1950.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be en- forced by Local Authorities... | 54 | 119 | 1 | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority | 121 | 144 | 2 | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 4 | | — | — |
| Total | 179 | 269 | 3 | — |

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|--|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. In-pector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 7 | 7 | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable temperature ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate ventilation | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 1* | — | — | 1 | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relat- ing to Outwork) | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Total | 10 | 9 | — | 2 | — |

* This case held in abeyance. Premises shortly closing and other facilities available.

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature of Work | Section 110 | | | Section 111 | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|----------------|--------------|
| | No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel (making, etc.) | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper | 9 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total ... | 14 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.
(Excluding Rural Housing Survey.)

| | |
|--|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 310 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 729 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 9 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 9 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 2 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 253 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 231 |
|--|-----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts: | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices: | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) By owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | | | | | | | | | <i>Nil</i> |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936: | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| (4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 | | | | | | | | | <i>Nil</i> |
| (e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 | | | | | | | | | <i>Nil</i> |

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV: Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Sanitary accommodation: Insufficient | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Defective | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Drainage: Reconstruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| Cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 |

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| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Cesspools: Abolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| Conversions to W.C.s | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Food stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Water supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 80 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Windows and ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Staircases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Dampness | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Chimneys and fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 162 |

Rural Housing Survey (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Total number of houses surveyed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4365 |
| Number placed in Category 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 865 |
| “ ” ” 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2292 |
| “ ” ” 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 992 |
| “ ” ” 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| “ ” ” 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 168 |

Camps (temporary housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1950, was as follows:—

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| “ Polhill ” Camp | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | | | | Completed. | Under Construction. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|---------------------|
| Council—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | 407 | 129 |
| Temporary | ... | ... | ... | 127 | — |
| Private—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | 165 | 7 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Number of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Number of licences granted | | | | | | |
| (1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |

One new dairy was constructed to replace old one.

Milk Sampling.

| | | | | No. of samples taken. | No. of unsatisfactory samples. |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| "Tuberculin Tested" | ... | ... | ... | 2 | <i>Nil</i> |
| "Pasteurised" | ... | ... | ... | 3 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Undesignated | ... | ... | ... | 1 | <i>Nil</i> |

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) collected for biological examination: 12. One of these samples contained tubercle bacilli, but the supply from the farm concerned was already being pasteurised, so that action under Section 20, Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, was not required.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) For the manufacture of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (b) For the sale of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | 89 |
| Results of samples taken: Grade 1 | ... | ... | ... | 51 |
| „ 2 | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| „ 3 | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| „ 4 | ... | ... | ... | 9 |

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only slaughterhouses for pigs are in use in the District. Ninety-four pigs were inspected. No condemnations were made.

4. Food Premises.

| | No. in District. | No. of Visits. | No. of faults and defects found. | No. of faults and defects remedied. |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cafés, restaurants and canteens | 48 | 133 | 2 | 2 |
| Bakehouses | 24 | 103 | 2 | 2 |
| Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act) | 89 | 199 | 6 | 6 |
| Other Food Shops | 118 | 560 | 11 | 11 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | 4 | 53 | Nil | Nil |
| Food factories | 1 | 2 | Nil | Nil |

Structural improvements during the year include the modernisation of a bakehouse, the provision of a new room (in a butcher's shop) for the manufacture of sausages, and the supply of hot water and additional sanitary accommodation at various other premises.

5. Unsound Food.

The following amount of unsound food was condemned during the year:—

| | Cwts. | qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
| Butchers' meat | 2 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Other foods | 4 | 1 | 25 | 10 |
| Tinned foods: 207 tins, bottles, packets, etc. | | | | |

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreaks of food poisoning occurred during the year. A single case was notified due to Salmonella typhi murium.

SEVENOAKS URBAN DISTRICT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Abundant supply of good water. The results of samples taken were as follows:—

Treated water ... Bacteriological: 11 satisfactory; 1 unsatisfactory, due to local defect in premises sampled.

Chemical: Nil.

Raw water Bacteriological: 1 unsatisfactory.

Chemical: Nil.

No cases of contamination with lead occurred.

All the houses in the District are supplied direct by public mains except three supplied by standpipes and several premises on a private estate supply.

The following new mains were laid during the year:—

846 yds. of 4in. main to Kippington Grange Estate.

438 yds. of 4in. main to White Hart Wood (high pressure).

4 yds. of 4-3in. connection to high service main for existing 3in. main serving the area from the Rise to the top of Riverhill.

688 yds. of 6in. main Gracious Lane (high pressure).

45 yds. of 12in. main Tonbridge Road Reservoir.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Soil and surface water additions and improvements:—

(a) Kippington Grange Housing Scheme.

4in. soil sewer 406 feet

6in. soil sewer 1484 feet

6in. surface water sewer ... 1285 feet

9in. surface water sewer ... 876 feet

(b) Greatness Lane—Extension of surface water sewer.

12in. pipe 295 feet

9in. pipe 291 feet

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

Number of complaints received and investigated 254

Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year 4679

Informal Notices: Served 153

Complied with 133

Statutory Notices: Served Nil

Legal proceedings taken Nil

| | | |
|--|--------|-----|
| Housing | ... .. | 525 |
| Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing) | ... . | 567 |
| Swimming pools | ... .. | 6 |
| Hop-pickers' camps | ... .. | 6 |
| Factory trades | ... .. | 110 |
| Shops Acts | ... .. | 383 |
| Petroleum Act | ... .. | 114 |
| Dairies | ... .. | 105 |
| Ice cream premises | ... .. | 200 |
| Meat inspections at slaughterhouses | ... .. | 485 |
| Bakehouses | ... .. | 87 |
| Food shops | ... .. | 142 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | ... .. | 141 |
| Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc. | ... .. | 863 |
| Food factories | ... .. | 8 |
| Other food preparing places | ... .. | 215 |
| Infectious Disease visits | ... .. | 115 |
| Rats and Mice Destruction | ... .. | 400 |
| Miscellaneous | ... .. | 170 |

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of camps in District (on same farm) | 2 |
| Number of huts in District | 84 |
| Total number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) | 50 |
| Number of new huts erected in 1950 | Nil |
| Number of inspections | 6 |
| Conditions were satisfactory at this camp. | |

Seven cases of infestation were dealt with during the year.

| | |
|--|------|
| Number of treatments undertaken | 286 |
| Number of visits paid (including 1424 by the Rodent Operator) | 1824 |
| Estimated kill of rats | 1989 |

Treatment of soil sewers undertaken by the Surveyor's Department.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities... | 29 | 16 | 1 | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 68 | 181 | 7 | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 97 | 197 | 8 | — |

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|---|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 7 | 7 | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable temperature ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate ventilation | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 8 | 8 | — | 1 | — |

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature of Work | Section 110 | | | Section 111 | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|--|----------------|--------------|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices Served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel (making, etc.) | 3 | — | — | — | — | — |

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

| | |
|--|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 149 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 525 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 73 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 112 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 2 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 58 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

| | |
|--|----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 50 |
|--|----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

| | |
|---|------------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts | <i>Nil</i> |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV: Overcrowding.

Accurate particulars of overcrowding not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Sanitary accommodation | Insufficient | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| | Defective | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Drainage: Reconstruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| | Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| | Cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 75 |
| Cesspools: Abolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| | Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Conversions to W.C.s | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Food stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Water supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Windows and ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Staircases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dampness | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Chimneys and fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1951).

| | | | | | | Completed. | Under Construction. |
|-------------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|---------------------|
| Council—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 247 | 62 |
| | Temporary | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil | Nil |
| Private | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 107 | 3 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Number of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of licences granted: | | | | | | |
| (1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Milk Sampling.

| | No. of samples taken. | No. of unsatisfactory samples. |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| "Tuberculin Tested" | 40 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Pasteurised | 25 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Channel Island (Pasteurised) | 8 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Samples for biological examination (exclusive of those mentioned above): 2 satisfactory. | | |

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) For the manufacture of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (b) For the sale of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| Results of samples taken: Grade 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| " 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| " 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| " 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

3. Slaughterhouses.

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number in District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. |
|---|------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------------|-------|
| Number killed (if known) | 1500 | 444 | 286 | 3646 | 214 |
| Number inspected | 1500 | 444 | 286 | 1823 | 214 |
| All diseases except tuberculosis: | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 8 | | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 629 | | — | 63 | 7 |
| Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis | 32.76 | | 0.69 | 3.22 | 4.2 |
| Tuberculosis only: | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 5 | 18 | — | — | — |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 187 | | — | — | 1 |
| Percentage of the number in- spected affected with tuber- culosis | 10.8 | | — | — | 0.46 |

4. Food Premises.

| | No. in District. | No. of Visits. | No. of faults and defects found. | No. of faults and defects remedied. |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Cafés, restaurants and canteens | 103 | 863 | 48 | 41 |
| Bakehouses | 8 | 87 | 2 | 2 |
| Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (Section 14, Food and Drugs Act) | 22 | 215 | 10 | 8 |
| Other food shops | 103 | 142 | 11 | 11 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | 5 | 141 | — | — |
| Food factories | 2 | 33 | 2 | 2 |

During the year, many improvements were carried out in food premises at the instigation of the Sanitary Inspectors. In 23 premises under the heading Cafés, Restaurants, Canteens, etc., improvements were made. These included the provision of washing facilities (with hot and cold water) for staff; the provision of constant hot water for cleansing purposes; better facilities for the storage of food; and the provision of additional sanitary accommodation (for both sexes) for use of both staff and the public.

In addition, improvements were carried out in four premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act. Better washing facilities for the staff were provided in two cases, and major improvements were carried out in respect of two sausage-preparing rooms.

The film “Another Case of Food Poisoning” was shown at the Granada Cinema on Monday, June 12th, 1950. Approximately 50 persons, all employed at various food premises in the town, attended the showing of this film.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

| | Tons | cwts. | qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|--|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Meat from butchers' shops | — | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Edible offal, from Govt. slaughterhouses ... | 8 | 2 | — | 1 | — |
| Meat do. do. ... | 7 | 11 | 1 | 11 | — |
| Other food (including tinned food) | — | 12 | 1 | 27 | 5 |

6. Food Poisoning.

Two outbreaks of mild food poisoning occurred during the year.

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| (a) Total number of outbreaks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (b) Number of cases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| (c) Number of deaths | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |

(d) In the first outbreak, involving 9 cases, no pathogenic organisms or toxins were isolated. In the second outbreak, involving 24 cases, no pathogenic organisms were isolated from the food as eaten, but from the roast meat which had been minced for use the following day, *Staphylococci pyogenes* were isolated. This minced meat was not eaten as it had been condemned in view of the suspicion that the meat was the cause of the outbreak. *Staphylococci pyogenes* were not isolated from throat, nose and hand swabs of the kitchen staff, nor from the mincing machine, and the reason for their presence in the uneaten minced meat could not be determined.

(e) In the first outbreak, meat pie made on the premises was probably responsible. No specimen of this was available for examination. The pie was made from left-over meat kept in a cool larder but not in a refrigerator. A capacious refrigerator has since been provided.

The second outbreak was considered to be due to the first course of a lunch, consisting of boiled potatoes, cabbage and roast meat, which was the only food common to the patients. No pathogenic organisms were, however, isolated from slices of the roast meat submitted for examination.

TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient in all parts of the District throughout the year. All samples of main water examined were satisfactory except in one instance where there was local contamination due to a fractured service pipe. An estate supply in the parish of Hadlow was found to be unsatisfactory, and chlorination was instituted with satisfactory results pending the installation of main water. Two wells were cleaned, and in other cases wells and springs were abandoned and the properties connected to the mains supply. During the year 10 houses served by a contaminated well supply were dealt with under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, and are no longer occupied. No cases of contamination with lead occurred.

The results of samples taken were as follows:—

| | | | | Satisfactory. | Unsatisfactory. |
|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| Treated water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | 22 | 1 |
| | Chemical | ... | ... | 3 | — |
| Raw water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | 3 | 13 |
| | Chemical | ... | ... | 1 | — |

Approximately 96% of the dwelling-houses are supplied direct with main water; less than 1% are supplied by standpipes (exact figures per parish not available until Rural Housing Survey completed).

During the year the extension of the water main by the Crowborough Water Company to the village of Old Groombridge and the connection of all the properties, including 31 houses and 4 workplaces, was completed. Other mains extensions during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Horns Lodge Road | ... | ... | 91 yards of 3in. main |
| Riding Park | ... | ... | 149 yards of 3in. main |

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The drainage scheme for Horsmonden was completed during the year and most of the house drainage systems connected.

The new sewage works at Hadlow were also completed and are in operation.

The new pumping machinery at Hildenborough has been installed and the sewage from the low level area is now being discharged into the Tonbridge Urban District Council's sewers.

Minor improvements have been carried out at the Hildenborough Sewage Farm, which now deals only with the high level drainage area.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|------|
| Number of complaints received and investigated | ... | ... | 329 |
| Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year | ... | ... | 2866 |
| Informal Notices: Served | ... | ... | 243 |
| Complied with | ... | ... | 217 |
| Statutory Notices: Served | ... | ... | 31 |
| Complied with: | | | |
| (a) By owners | ... | ... | 31 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default | ... | | — |
| Legal proceedings taken | ... | ... | Nil |
| Summary of Inspections and Visits made by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:— | | | |
| Housing | ... | ... | 1337 |
| Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing) | ... | ... | 185 |
| Swimming pools | ... | ... | 10 |
| Hop-pickers' camps | ... | ... | 263 |
| Knackers' yards | ... | ... | 2 |
| Offensive trades | ... | ... | — |
| Factory trades | ... | ... | 59 |
| Shop Acts | ... | ... | 45 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | 171 |
| Ice-cream premises | ... | ... | 152 |
| Meat inspections at slaughterhouses | ... | ... | 16 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | 49 |
| Food shops | ... | ... | 168 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | ... | ... | 10 |
| Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc. | ... | ... | 94 |
| Food factories | ... | ... | 6 |
| Other food preparing places | ... | ... | 65 |
| Infectious Disease visits | ... | ... | 58 |
| Rats and Mice Destruction | ... | ... | 98 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 78 |

4. Hop-pickers' Camps.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Number of camps in District ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97 |
| Number of huts in District ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4845 |
| Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21,120 |
| Number of new huts erected during 1950 ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57 |
| Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1950 ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 263 |
| Lodging Accommodation: The standard of accommodation continues to improve and all newly constructed huts are of good design. | | | | | | |
| Water Supply: 90 camps have main water supply. Remainder supplied by springs and wells. | | | | | | |
| Scavenging: Generally satisfactory. | | | | | | |
| Cookhouse Accommodation: Adequate. | | | | | | |

Closet Accommodation: Mainly trench-type latrines. Two camps including the largest have water-borne sanitation with modern sewage disposal plant.

General Camp Supervision: Generally satisfactory.

First-aid Huts in the main hop-picking areas were staffed as in former years by the British Red Cross and other organisations.

General Remarks on the Hop-picking Season (Report by Senior Sanitary Inspector) :—

“ Picking commenced in the last week of August and all camps in the District were in occupation by the 4th September. 21,120 pickers occupied the 97 camps, which is a slight increase on the 1949 figures. Since last season, 57 new huts have been erected, the majority of these replacing old and unfit structures. Growers appeared to have concentrated on improving existing huts, and at several camps all the old huts have been re-roofed and re-floored. As a result of early inspections and interviews with the growers, a number of improvements were effected, particularly with the timbered huts. In spite of the wet weather, camp conditions were remarkably good and the huts generally weathered satisfactorily. Scavenging arrangements were adequate and equal to last season’s standard, but some difficulty arose because pickers used their bins for purposes other than for the reception of refuse, with the result that refuse was thrown in ditches and littered over the sites. Camp attendants are aware of this practice and endeavour to prevent pickers taking away bins. Latrine accommodation was generally satisfactory within the limits of the byelaws but this aspect of camp conditions continues to present the most difficult problem. During the Season, Dr. Cauchi of the Ministry of Health visited the District on 2nd August and the 6th September.”

5. Disinfestation.

Only one premises required to be treated for bug infestation, but a considerable number were successfully treated for fly and beetle infestation. Two refuse dumps were treated for cricket and cockroach infestation.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Rodents killed during the year: Rats | | | | | | 1509 |
| Mice | | | | | | 34 |
| Number of complaints | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 117 |
| | | | | | | Rats Mice |
| Killed in private premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 781 34 |
| „ business premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 116 — |
| „ Council premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 612 — |
| Total rodents killed | | | | | | 1509 34 |

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities... | 36 | 66 | 11 | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 34 | 34 | 3 | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 6 | 6 | — | — |
| Total | 76 | 106 | 14 | — |

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|---|----------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 11 | 11 | — | 1 | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable temperature ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate ventilation | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Total | 13 | 13 | — | 1 | — |

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature of work | Section 110 | | | Section 111 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| | No. of out workers in August list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c) (3) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel (making, etc.) | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.
(Including Rural Housing Survey.)

| | |
|---|------|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 511 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 1337 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 312 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 312 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 1 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... | 199 |

**2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of
Formal Notices.**

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse- quence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 199 |
|--|-----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

| | |
|--|-----|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 | Nil |
|--|-----|

(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

| | |
|---|----|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 31 |
|---|----|

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| (a) By owners | 31 |
|----------------------|----|

| | |
|---|---|
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... | — |
|---|---|

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

| | |
|--|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 4 |
|--|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished | 2 |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|----|
| (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition | 10 |
|---|----|

| | |
|--|----|
| (4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) | 13 |
|--|----|

| | |
|---|------------|
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
|---|------------|

(e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936:

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made | 6 |
|--|---|

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV: Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available, but little evidence of serious overcrowding.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Sanitary accommodation: Insufficient | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Defective | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Drainage: Reconstruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 |
| Cesspools: Abolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 96 |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Conversions to W.C.s | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Food stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Water supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| Walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 160 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 35 |
| Windows and ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Staircases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Dampness | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 93 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 83 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Chimneys and fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 73 |

Rural Housing Survey (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Total number of houses surveyed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2777 |
| Number placed in category 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1354 |
| " " " 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 512 |
| " " " 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 692 |
| " " " 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40 |
| " " " 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 179 |

It is satisfactory to note that despite the difficult times, good progress has been made in the Tonbridge Rural District in dealing with unsatisfactory houses. In 1950, Demolition Orders were made in respect of 4 houses, Clearance Orders in respect of 6 houses, and 13 houses were closed and undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. Of the 179 houses scheduled since the end of the war in Category 5 as incapable of being rendered fit at a reasonable expense, a total of 80 have been dealt with. This has been possible only because the Council have been able to rehouse the majority of the tenants of these houses due to the progress in building post-war houses in this District.

Sandhole Camp, Matfield.

Twenty-one huts were occupied at the end of the year. The number of huts is gradually being reduced. Fifteen huts were weatherproofed with felt during the year, with satisfactory results.

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | | | | | Completed. | Under construction. |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|---------------------|
| Council—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | ... | 529 | 79 |
| Temporary | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 | — |
| Hatton Housing Trust | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 24 |
| Private | ... | ... | ... | ... | 288 | 4 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supplies.

| | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Number of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Number of licences granted: | | | | | |
| (1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| (2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

One new dairy was constructed during the year and another, found to be inadequate, was extended to facilitate bottling and sterilising.

Milk Sampling.

| | No. of samples taken. | No. of unsatisfactory samples. |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| "Tuberculin tested" | 52 | 10 |
| Pasteurised | 10 | — |
| "Tuberculin tested" Pasteurised... | 12 | 1 |
| Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) submitted for biological examination: | | |
| "Tuberculin tested" ... 1 | No evidence of tuberculosis. | |
| Ungraded 15 | do. | |

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) For the manufacture of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (b) For the sale of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| Results of samples taken: Grade 1 | ... | ... | ... | 65 |
| „ 2 | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| „ 3 | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| „ 4 | ... | ... | ... | 7 |

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only three private slaughterhouses are in use in the District in connection with the Self Suppliers of Pigs Scheme. Seventeen pigs were killed and inspected. In one case part of the carcass was condemned because of tuberculosis.

4. Food Premises.

| | No. in District. | No. of Visits. | No. of faults and defects found. | No. of faults and defects remedied. |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Cafés, restaurants and canteens ... | 40 | 94 | 8 | 6 |
| Bakehouses | 14 | 49 | 10 | 9 |
| Premises registered for the manu- facture of preserved food (Sec- tion 14, Food and Drugs Act) ... | 16 | 65 | 2 | 2 |
| Other food shops | — | 168 | 11 | 11 |
| Food stalls and vehicles | 4 | 10 | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Nil</i> |
| Food factories | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

During the year, many structural improvements were carried out at the instigation of the Sanitary Inspectors. In five premises where food is prepared for public consumption and where the staffs had experienced difficulties, major works of improvement were completed. Structural improvements providing for better washing facilities were completed at two premises used for the manufacture of sausages and a new premises constructed for the manufacture of ice cream. In five retail food shops constant hot water was supplied following the service of informal notices, in four shops recommendations for protecting food from danger of contamination were willingly complied with, and at two other premises sanitary accommodation and washing facilities were improved.

5. Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:—

| | Cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Butchers' meat | 5 | 3 | 15 | 8 |
| Other food (including tinned food) ... | 11 | 0 | 27 | 12 |

6. Food Poisoning.

Only three cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. Two of the cases were probably due to eating beef which had been kept too long at home after being cooked. *Staphylococci pyogenes* were isolated from a portion of the meat sent for examination. The single case was due to organisms of the *Salmonella* group, but the food responsible was not determined.

TONBRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

Supplies were sufficient during the year. All samples were satisfactory except one, and a repeat sample from this source proved satisfactory. The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

| | | Satisfactory. | Unsatisfactory. |
|----------------------------------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Treated water: Bacteriological | ... .. | 13 | 1 |
| Chemical: Nil. | | | |
| Raw water: Bacteriological: Nil. | | | |
| Chemical: Nil. | | | |

Approximately 99.5% of the houses are supplied direct with main water.

Mains extensions during the year were as follows:—

Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company.

88 yds. of 3in. main at Brook Street Estate.

1,140 yds. of 4in. main at Brook Street Estate.

162 yds. of 4in. main at Dry Hill Park Crescent (replacing old 2in. main).

470 yds. of 4in. main at Dry Hill Park Road do.

The 12in. main from Sevenoaks to Tonbridge has been completed, but was not brought into commission in 1950.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

During the year the sewage from the low level of Hildenborough was taken into the Urban District Council's Sewerage System.

3. Collection and Disposal of Refuse.

A new vehicle was put into use during the year. Various sites were used for tipping and some useful filling carried out on agricultural and other land.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

| | | |
|--|--------|------|
| Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year | ... .. | 2499 |
| Informal Notices: Served | ... .. | 220 |
| Complied with | ... .. | 203 |
| Statutory Notices served | ... .. | Nil |
| Legal proceedings taken | ... .. | Nil |

Summary of inspections and visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

| | | |
|----------------|--------|-----|
| Housing | ... .. | 801 |
| Swimming pools | ... .. | 4 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Hop-pickers' camps | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Knackers' yards | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| Offensive trades | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100 |
| Shop Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| Petroleum Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 |
| Ice-cream premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 219 |
| Meat inspections at slaughterhouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42 |
| Food shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...) | |
| Food stalls and vehicles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...) | |
| Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchens, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...) | 201 |
| Food factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...) | |
| Other food preparing places | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...) | |
| Infectious Disease visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 91 |
| Rats and Mice Destruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 158 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 765 |

5. Hop-pickers' Camps.

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of camps in District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Number of huts in District | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57 |
| Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 |
| Number of new huts erected during 1950 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Number of inspections of hop-pickers' camps during 1950 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |

Owing to the wet weather hop-picking was prolonged, but the conditions in the camps remained generally satisfactory.

6. Disinfestation.

The following infestations in houses were dealt with: bugs 7, fleas 2, miscellaneous 4.

7. Rats and Mice Destruction.

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Number of complaints received | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 156 |
| Rats: Number of local authority premises treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Number of dwelling-houses treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 103 |
| Number of business premises treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Number of agricultural premises treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Estimated number of rats killed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2749 |
| Mice: Number of local authority premises treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Number of dwelling-houses treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| Number of business premises treated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |

An extensive treatment of the river banks from the Big Bridge upstream and around the Sports Ground and Tinkers Island was carried out in the spring with considerable success.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.**Part I of the Act.**

1.—Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities... | 41 | 12 | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 88 | 73 | 4 | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 5 | 15 | — | — |
| Total | 134 | 100 | 4 | — |

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable temperature ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate ventilation | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... | 14 | 14 | — | 2 | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 15 | 15 | — | 2 | — |

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

| Nature of work | Section 110 | | | Section 111 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-------------------|--------------|
| | No. of out workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (3) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel (making, etc.) | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Cleaning and washing | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total ... | 2 | — | — | — | — | — |

HOUSING.

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

| | |
|--|-----|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 288 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 801 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | 2 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 4 |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | Nil |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 110 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of
Formal Notices.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse- quence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 102 |
|--|-----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

| | |
|---|------------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 | Nil |
| (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts | Nil |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936: | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 1 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished | Nil |
| (3) Number of houses awaiting demolition | 1 |
| (4) Number of houses closed (undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation) | Nil |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 | Nil |
| (e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 | Nil |

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV: Overcrowding.

Accurate information not available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Sanitary accommodation: | Insufficient Defective | | | | | | | — |
| | | | | | | | | 22 |
| Drainage: Reconstruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |
| Cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| Cesspools: Abolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Conversions to W.C.s | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Food stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Water supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 36 |
| Walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |
| Windows and ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Staircases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Dampness | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 53 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Chimneys and fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 |

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | | | | Completed. | Under Construction. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------------------|
| Council—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | 341 | 83 |
| Temporary | ... | ... | ... | — | — |
| Private—Permanent | ... | ... | ... | 90 | 5 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**1. Milk Supplies.**

| | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Number of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Number of licences granted: | | | | | | |
| (1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

A milk store was extended during the year.

Milk Sampling:—

| | | | | No. of samples taken. | No. of unsatisfactory samples. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuberculin tested | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — |
| Pasteurised | ... | ... | ... | 4 | — |
| Sterilised | ... | ... | ... | 1 | — |

Number of samples (exclusive of those mentioned above) submitted for biological examination: *Nil*.

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| (a) For the manufacture of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (b) For the sale of ice cream | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| Results of samples taken: Grade 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47 |
| „ 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 |
| „ 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| „ 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

3. Slaughterhouses.

Only one slaughterhouse licensed for pigs was in operation in the District. In this 35 pigs were inspected. In one instance part of a carcase was condemned because of tuberculosis.

4. Food Premises.

To bakehouses, 42 visits were paid and 6 defaults or defects found and remedied. To other Food Premises, 201 visits were paid and 26 faults or defects found, of which 25 were remedied.

A survey of cafés, restaurants, and canteens was instituted during the year.

Various structural improvements were carried out to Food Premises including the complete renovation of a butcher's shop, the re-designing of a dairy and grocer's premises, and the provision of hot water and improved sanitary accommodation at other premises.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:—

| | Tons | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Butchers' meat | | 4 | 3 | 19 | 8 |
| Other food (including tinned food) ... | | 18 | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | 1 | 3 | 1 | 27 | 8 |

6. Food Poisoning.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred. Three single cases were notified. The organism isolated in each case was *Salmonella typhi* murium, but the food responsible was not determined.

SOUTHBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

1. Water Supply.

The supply was sufficient throughout the year and the quality satisfactory after treatment. The results of samples taken during the year were as follows:—

| | | | | Satisfactory. | Unsatisfactory. |
|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----------------|
| Treated water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | 40 | <i>Nil</i> |
| | Chemical | ... | ... | 11 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Raw water: | Bacteriological | ... | ... | 7 | 5 |

The raw water samples from Modest Corner Waterworks continue to show intermittent contamination, but all samples after treatment were satisfactory. No cases of contamination with lead occurred. All the dwelling-houses in the District, except approximately 10 houses, are supplied direct with main water.

The following extensions of water mains have been carried out:—

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| Broomhill Park Road | ... | ... | ... | 200 yds. of 3in. main. |
| Lady's Gift Farm Site | ... | ... | ... | 185 yds. of 6in. main. |

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

A new deep level sewer of approximately 1,350 feet was constructed in Kibbles Lane in connection with the post-war housing programme.

3. Refuse Disposal.

An additional area of 4.875 acres has been acquired adjoining the present controlled tip in Powder Mill Lane for future use.

4. Sanitary Inspection of the District.

| | | | |
|--|-----|-----|------|
| Number of complaints received and investigated | ... | ... | 181 |
| Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year | ... | ... | 1529 |
| Informal Notices: Served | ... | ... | 29 |
| Complied with | ... | ... | 26 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Statutory Notices: Served | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Complied with: | | | | | | | | |
| (a) By owners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |
| Legal proceedings taken | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | <i>Nil</i> |

Summary of inspections and visits by Sanitary Inspectors during the year:—

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Housing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 743 |
| Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 176 |
| Factory trades | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 |
| Shop Acts | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Petroleum Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Ice-cream premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Meat inspections at slaughterhouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Food shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63 |
| Cafés, restaurants, canteens, hotel kitchen, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Food factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Other food preparing places | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Infectious Disease visits | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Rats and Mice Destruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 263 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 203 |

5. Disinfestation.

Two houses were disinfested.

6. Rats and Mice Destruction.

| | | | | | | Rats. | Mice. |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| Number of complaints received | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 | 2 |
| Independent investigation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 | 1 |
| Treated by Rodent Operator | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72 | 3 |
| Estimated kill | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 983 | 43 |

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.
Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities... | 49 | 19 | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 22 | 42 | — | — |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 2 | 2 | — | — |
| Total | 73 | 63 | — | — |

2.—Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 1 | 1 | — | — | — |
| Overcrowding | — | — | — | — | — |
| Unreasonable temperature ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Inadequate ventilation | — | — | — | — | — |
| Ineffective drainage of floors ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Sanitary conveniences: | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | — | — | — | — | — |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective ... | 2 | 2 | — | — | — |
| (c) Not separate for sexes ... | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 3 | 3 | — | — | — |

Part VIII of the Act.
Outwork (Sections 110 and 111).

Nil.

HOUSING.

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

| | |
|--|------------|
| (1) (a) Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 150 |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | 743 |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose | <i>Nil</i> |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | <i>Nil</i> |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | 143 |

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in conse- quence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers | 141 |
|--|-----|

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

| | |
|---|------------|
| (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts: | |
| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | 2 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices: | |
| (a) By owners | 1 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | <i>Nil</i> |
| (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |
| (e) Proceedings under Section 26 of the Housing Act, 1936 | <i>Nil</i> |

4. Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV: Overcrowding.

No accurate information available.

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the Year.

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Sanitary accommodation: Insufficient | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Defective | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Drainage: Reconstruction | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Cesspools: Abolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Conversion to W.C.s | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Food stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil |
| Water supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Walls and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Floors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Windows and ventilation | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Staircases | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Dampness | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Chimneys and fireplaces | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45 |

Camps (temporary housing).

The number of huts occupied in hutted camps in the District at 31st December, 1950, was as follows:—

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Great Bounds Camp | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

Post-War Housing (position at 31st December, 1950).

| | Completed. | Under Construction. |
|-------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Council—Permanent | 139 | 41 |
| Temporary | 30 | — |
| Private—Permanent | 28 | 3 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**1. Milk Supplies.**

| | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of registered distributors | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of registered dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Number of licences granted: | | | | | | |
| (1) Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949: | | | | | | |
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

(2) Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations, 1949:

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (a) Dealers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (b) Supplementary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |

Milk Sampling:—

| | No. of samples taken. | No. of unsatisfactory samples. |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| "Tuberculin Tested" | 1 | <i>Nil</i> |
| "Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised" | 1 | <i>Nil</i> |
| Pasteurised | 1 | <i>Nil</i> |

Number of samples (exclusive of those referred to above) submitted for biological examination: Raw milk 2 (neither positive for tuberculosis).

2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:

| | |
|---|----|
| (a) For the manufacture of ice cream | 1 |
| (b) For the sale of ice cream | 18 |
| Results of samples taken: Grade 1 | 17 |
| " 2 | 2 |
| " 3 | 0 |
| " 4 | 2 |

3. Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in the district closed in January, 1950.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. |
|---|------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|------------|
| Number killed (if known) | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Nil</i> | 155 | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Nil</i> |
| Number inspected | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Nil</i> | 155 | <i>Nil</i> | <i>Nil</i> |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis: | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | — | — | — | — | — |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | — | — | — | — | — |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tuberculosis only: | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | — | — | — | — | — |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | — | — | — | — | — |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | — | — | — | — | — |

4. Food Premises.

| | No. in District. | No. of Visits. | No. of faults and defects found. | No. of faults and defects remedied. |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| Cafés, restaurants and canteens... | 8 | 7 | — | — |
| Bakehouses | 6 | 3 | -- | -- |
| Premises registered for the manu- facture of preserved food (Sec- tion 14, Food and Drugs Act) ... | 13 | 29 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Food Shops | 80 | 89 | — | — |
| Food Stalls and Vehicles | — | — | — | — |
| Food Factories | 1 | 2 | — | — |

Structural improvements carried out include the enlargement of two butchers' shops and the provision of hot water in a greengrocers.

5. Unsound Food.

The following food was condemned during the year:

| | Tons | cwt. | qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Butchers' meat | — | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Other food (including tinned food) | — | — | 3 | 18 | 12 |

6. Food Poisoning.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.